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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2214**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Tran**

February 22, 2006

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An act relating to food labeling and safety.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as amended, Tran. Asian food: study.

Existing law, the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL), provides for the regulation of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities by the State Department of Health Services, and is primarily enforced by local health agencies.

Existing law also contains various provisions governing food labeling and safety.

This bill would require the department to conduct a study in connection with these standards and their effect on the sale and consumption of traditional Asian food. This bill would require the department to present its findings to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2008.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Asian Traditional Food Act.

1 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the  
2 following:

3 (1) Given the rich heritage and traditions of Asian-Americans,  
4 a process must be ~~put into place~~ *considered* to allow for foods  
5 tied to traditional Asian ceremonies to be sold and consumed  
6 according to those traditions.

7 (2) Requiring food retailers to follow health and sanitation  
8 standards is necessary to preserve public health.

9 (b) (1) The State Department of Health Services shall conduct  
10 a study of the sale and consumption of traditional Asian food, as  
11 a means of finding methods that *may* permit the sale and  
12 consumption of these foods while providing adequate health and  
13 sanitation standards that protect public health.

14 (2) The department shall submit this study to the Legislature  
15 no later than January 1, 2008.